

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2662**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hagman**  
(Coauthor: Senator Huff)

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An act to add Section 769 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to electricity.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2662, as introduced, Hagman. Electrical transmission towers.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including electrical corporations, as defined. Existing law, the Public Utilities Act, establishes requirements for equipment, practices, and facilities for public utilities.

This bill would prohibit an electrical corporation from constructing substantially larger transmission towers in an easement intended for smaller transmission towers when the easement runs through an occupied residential area.

Under existing law, a violation of the Public Utilities Act or any order, decision, rule, direction, demand, or requirement of the commission is a crime. Because the provisions of this bill would be a part of the act, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 769 is added to the Public Utilities Code,  
2     to read:  
3     769. An electrical corporation shall not construct substantially  
4     larger transmission towers in an easement intended for smaller  
5     transmission towers when the easement runs through an occupied  
6     residential area.  
7     SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
8     Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
9     the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
10    district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
11    infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
12    for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
13    the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
14    the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
15    Constitution.